

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 10 through 17 and 20 through 26 are pending, with Claims 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 being independent. Claims 10 through 16, 23, and 24 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 18 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 17, 20 through 22, 25, and 26 have been amended.

Claims 17 through 20, 22, 25, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,557,325 (Ueda, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,430,788 (Goto). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 17, 22, 25, and 26 variously recite, inter alia, inputting a reproduced image, wherein the reproduced image is reproduced from an arbitrary sensing image signal and corresponds to a designated sensing image on the position indicated by the indicating unit (Claim 17) or the user's indication (Claims 22, 25, and 26), in combination with determining an image processing parameter to convert color information included in the designated sensing image into color information included in the reproduced image.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Ueda, et al. nor Goto, even in combination, assuming, arguendo, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed combinations of claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 17, 22, 25, and 26. Applicants respectfully note that Ueda, et al. shows, e.g., an AWB processing circuit 7, wherein position information is indicated from the microcomputer 9 (see, e.g., col. 3, lines 32 through 43). However, the Official Action

acknowledges that Ueda, et al. fails to show the claimed indicating/indication. Applicants respectfully submit that Goto shows, e.g., tracing a profile of a focus (e.g., Fig. 2), but that neither Ueda, et al. nor Goto, even in combination, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed combinations of claimed features. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed combinations of claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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